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Welcome Message from the Country Director

As we reach the midpoint of 2025, I extend my warmest gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to social justice. Your solidarity continues to power our fight for equity, dignity, and human rights across Ghana. This newsletter provides a vivid account of our collective strides in climate justice, gender equality, education, and economic empowerment.

As you read, I invite you to reflect on the impact we are making together and the road that lies ahead. With your support, we are transforming lives, defending rights, and building resilient futures. In solidarity,

John Nkaw
Country Director, ActionAid Ghana



VISION

A just, equitable and sustainable world in which every person enjoys the right to a life of dignity, freedom from poverty and all forms of oppression.



MISSION

To achieve social justice, gender equality, and poverty eradication by collaborating with people living in poverty and exclusion, their communities, people's organisations, activists, social movements and supporters.

Strengthening Community Resilience Through Climate Action Plans

**ActionAid
Ghana secures
funding under
GIZ'S Reach
Project**

In the month of February, ActionAid Ghana launched its new project dubbed Strengthening Community Resilience through Community Action Plans (CAPs) project under the Resilience Against Climate Change (REACH) initiative in the Upper West Region.



The “Strengthening Community Resilience Through Community Action Plans (CAPs)” project is designed to address urgent climate issues affecting communities and the livelihoods of smallholder women farmers in the Upper West region. In the face of recent floods, droughts, and extreme heat, food sovereignty and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been severely hindered. A recent report from the World Meteorological Organisation also predicts a 66% chance that between 2023 and 2027, at least one year will see average global temperatures surpassing 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

In response to these escalating challenges, the European Union (EU) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) are supporting the Ghanaian government through the Resilience Against Climate Change (REACH) project. This initiative aims to establish farming systems resilient to climate change, thereby improving the lives of people in northern Ghana.

With donor funding secured, ActionAid Ghana is excited to lead the CAPs project as part of this transformative and sustainable agenda. This eleven-month project will support communities in implementing customized climate action



Guest at the launch of the CAPs project in the Upper West Region

plans to strengthen their resilience against climate change. The REACH Project Manager at GIZ, Mr. Mathias Berthold, highlighted the importance of CAPs, stating that the community action plans have been a core component of the REACH project, with over 200 plans developed across 14 districts in northwestern Ghana.

With a budget of 1 million Euros, the CAPs project aims to enhance the quality of life for men, women, youth, persons with disabilities, and minority groups in the Upper West and Savannah regions. It will focus on improving resilience while promoting sustainable development through economic growth, employment, energy management, environmental protection, and peace. The CAPs project under three main Action Plans output priorities, will transform 110 communities in the Upper West and Savannah regions through 140 climate intervention project activities

The project is structured around three key action plan outputs:

1. **Sustainable Water Management:** Construction of boreholes, dams, and irrigation systems to address water scarcity.
2. **Forest Restoration:** Implementing agroforestry, forestry restoration, and bushfire management initiatives to protect vital ecosystems.
3. **Soil Health:** Promoting compost production, conservation agriculture, and erosion control to maintain fertile soils for farming.

As a social justice organisation, ActionAid Ghana has been addressing climate change for over three decades. One of its notable projects, the NGIDP project, has improved climate resilience strategies for smallholder farmers across Ghana.

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Addressing Child Marriage in Ghana

ActionAid Ghana leads efforts for Stakeholder Commitment to Justice, Equality, and Development

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ActionAid Ghana hosted the second Upper West Regional Stakeholders Conference in 2025, under the theme: "Ending Child Marriage: The Role of Stakeholders." This landmark gathering brought together traditional leaders, youth advocates, government officials, survivors, civil society, and local authorities to assess progress, identify persistent barriers, and renew our shared commitment to end child marriage in Ghana.

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Key pillars of our child protection work include:

1. **COMBATs:** Community-based teams trained to prevent violence and provide early warning and response.
2. **Young Female Platforms and Girls' Clubs:** Youth-led advocacy movements that amplify the voices of girls in schools and communities.
3. **ABCs of Reproductive Health Booklet:** A practical, youth-friendly resource to promote bodily autonomy and health literacy.

4. **Child Marriage Survivor Experience Series:** Powerful, real-life testimonies that serve to educate, challenge stigma, and inform policy.
5. **National-level policy engagement:** Driving budgetary and strategic alignment between girls' rights and development goals.

Despite these efforts, we recognize that the fight is far from over. The scale and persistence of child marriage in Ghana demand urgency, innovation, and systemic transformation.

Reflection, Interrogation, and Action

This year's forum in Wa is not symbolic—it is strategic. It provides an opportunity to reflect on what has worked, interrogate what hasn't, and renew our commitment with honesty and urgency.

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Redefining Masculinity To End Violence



Biihee Naa Jaafar Natasung Pelpuo

Wa Traditional Area, Upper West, Ghana

ActionAid Ghana is actively challenging harmful norms and engaging men and boys as allies to help end gender-based violence. To combat child marriage in Ghana, ActionAid Ghana has collaborated with stakeholders in the Upper West Region, primarily traditional leaders, to lead the campaign against this practice. Chiefs and traditional leaders in the region have expressed a need for support to effectively address the issue of child marriage.

In line with many male allies, AAG is proud to support the efforts and commitment of the youth chief, Jaafar Natasung Pelpluo. ***"Child marriage is destroying the future of our children and disrupting their proper upbringing. To fight this harmful practice, strong leadership is needed —especially from us, the traditional rulers. Marriage has an age limit, and every child belongs in school, not in a marital home. In my community, it is strictly prohibited. Any bride price paid for a teenager must be returned, and all perpetrators are fined accordingly."*** — Bihee Naa Jaafar Natasung Pelpuo

AAG CAMPAIGNS

Austerity is Not a Cure: ActionAid Ghana Demands a People-First Economy
Across Ghana, the cracks in our public systems are widening—and the human cost is too urgent to ignore.

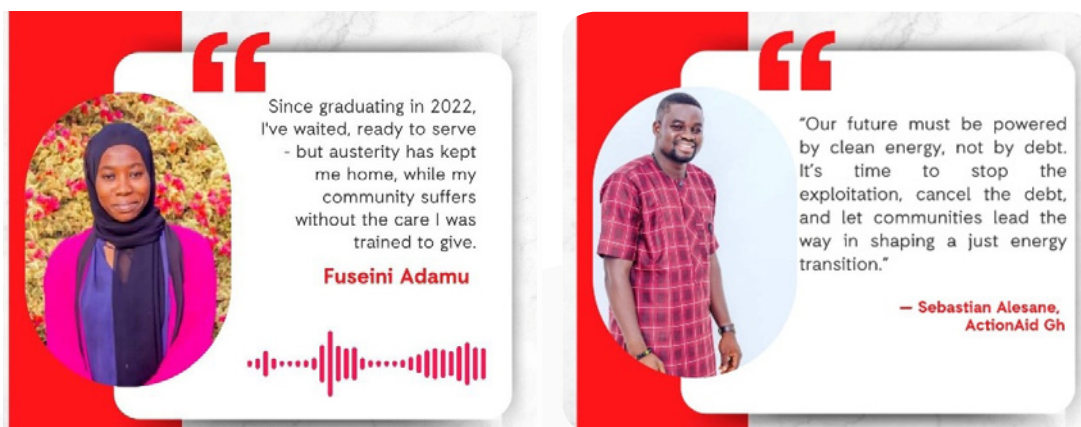
Through its latest nationwide advocacy campaign, ActionAid Ghana (AAG) is shedding light on the devastating impacts of austerity on ordinary lives. Led by AAG staff, youth-led movements, and individuals directly affected by government spending cuts, the campaign has mobilised powerful testimonies and bold demands for economic justice. From community dialogues to high-level engagements, the campaign amplified one message: cutting public services is not a solution—it is a crisis in motion.

This momentum extended far beyond Ghana's borders. As part of global solidarity efforts, ActionAid Ghana's Country Director joined other national representatives in Seville, Spain, where activists and campaigners from across the world united to petition government leaders and UN representatives. Together, we spotlighted a connected injustice—unsustainable sovereign debt—that continues to choke the development prospects of countries in the Global South.

ActionAid Ghana's research reveals a sobering reality:

1. Health facilities are critically understaffed.
2. Thousands of trained nurses and midwives remain unemployed.
3. Essential social services are pushed to the brink.

All this while debt repayments consume vast portions of national budgets. The result? Austerity measures that disproportionately harm women, young people, and marginalised communities—those who need public investment the most.



We cannot allow outdated economic prescriptions to dictate our future. The global financial system is broken, unjust, and in urgent need of reform.

ActionAid Ghana joins the global call for a UN-led debt workout mechanism—a fair, transparent, and inclusive process built by all, serving all, and centred on justice, care, and equality.

We believe it's time for wealthy nations to act.

It's time to #CancelTheDebt and unlock financing for climate justice, quality public services, and the fulfilment of human rights.

Because austerity won't heal broken systems—people-first investment will.



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ActionAid and YUWM introduce Sanitary Dispensers in Sunyani Basic School

On World Menstrual Hygiene Day, we stood united with communities in Nkrakrom M/A basic schools and beyond, confronting harmful taboos and distributing hygiene kits to girls and young women. The Young Urban Women Movement in collaboration with AAG provided Sanitary Dispensers to 5 basic schools in the Bono Regional Programme

Through grassroots campaigns and national partnerships, we are building a world where menstruation is met with dignity—not shame..

“Now I Feel Free at School” — Blessing’s Story

I’m Blessing, a student at Nkrakrom M/A Basic School. I’ve always come to school, but managing my period was hard. Sanitary pads were too expensive, so I had to use cloth or tissue, which made me feel uncomfortable and worried all day.

That changed when ActionAid installed a sanitary dispenser in our school. It’s stocked with pads, and now every girl has access—for free. Now, I feel safe, confident, and focused in class. I don’t have to hide or feel ashamed anymore. Thank you, ActionAid, for making it easier for girls like me to stay in school and learn with dignity.

AAG Movement, Young Female Platforms and Girls Club Leads Conversation on Girls' Leadership



The Greater Accra and Volta Regional Programme, in collaboration with the Young Urban Women's Movement from the Greater Accra and Volta chapters, organized a review meeting for Girls Clubs in 15 schools in Ga South and 11 schools in Ga West within the Greater Accra region.

The focus of this activity was to educate the girls about the objectives of their clubs, raise awareness about the importance of girls in leadership positions, develop goal-oriented work plans for their respective school clubs, and learn how to advocate for educational policies that benefit girls.

Actionaid Ghana and Foto4Change Marks World Water Day With A Climate Photo Exhibition: Exposing Injustice Through Lens & Community Centric Storytelling

*Taking
Climate Justice
Campaign To
Vulnerable
Communities*

ActionAid is amplifying voices on the pressing issues of water scarcity and climate change throughout Ghana. In a powerful initiative designed to spotlight these urgent concerns, ActionAid Ghana is spearheading a captivating photo exhibition in the Kpene and Dagboshei communities.

Collaborating with Foto4Change, a dynamic visual agency based in the Northern Region, and the passionate Activista Tamale Chapter, this exhibition transcends mere artistic expression. It is a vital campaign dedicated



to bolstering community resilience and championing grassroots climate justice. Together, they are fostering awareness and inspiring action for a sustainable future.

Held in Kpene, within the Sagnarigu Municipality, the event was centered on the theme "**Promoting sustainable water use and protecting vulnerable communities,**" one which resonated deeply with the local population and brought vital awareness to the pressing challenges they face.

The heart of the exhibition lay in its striking visual narrative, showcasing the lived experiences of community members. Photographs revealed the

harsh realities: women trekking long distances for water, children unable to attend school due to the unavailability of this essential resource, and farmers grappling with drought-induced crop failures. Each image told a story, painting a vivid and urgent picture of the climate crisis unfolding in Northern Ghana. By illuminating these experiences, the exhibition sparked meaningful conversations, fostering empathy and urgency around the climate crisis. It became a platform for community members to voice their struggles and advocate for change, while also calling on the wider society to act against the growing threats posed by climate change.

ActionAid Ghana remains committed to promoting resilience within communities and empowering them to advocate for their rights. Together, we can create a future where every individual has access to the essential resources they need to thrive, regardless of the challenges posed by climate change. Let us continue to listen, learn, and act to support our most vulnerable communities.



In a followup, AAG and Foto4Change handed over 100 tree seedlings to the schools in the communities to better empower their landscape and climate clubs to combat climate change and community resilience.



A Wake-Up Call For Fairness

Economic Justice Financing For Development (F4d)

At the National Civil Society Dialogue on Financing for Development, AAG joined forces with civil society allies to confront economic injustice head-on. The convening, part of the Financing for Development (F4D) dialogue, was more than a workshop; it was a call to action.

For too long, Ghana's development ambitions have been tethered to the inconsistent goodwill of foreign donors and multilateral institutions. That model is failing us. Not because aid is inherently bad, but because it has too often been tied to rigid, top-down requirements that ignore local realities and leave civil society organisations (CSOs) scrambling to survive rather than thrive.



We are demanding a feminist financing model that centers human rights, gender equity, and long-term sustainability.

Unmasking The Fossil Fuel Energy Injustice And Fossil Fuel Debt -A Call For Justice In The Face Of Fossil Fuel Debt: ActionAid Ghana and partner, Somo Launch Gaslighting Report.

Ghana's Fossil Fuel Debt Crisis marks a watershed moment in the country's long and painful journey toward energy sovereignty, economic justice, and climate resilience. Far from being just another policy paper, this report is a bold and urgent call to action—a confrontation with hard truths, a challenge to unjust systems, and a demand for accountability from those who have compromised Ghana's energy future.



For years, Ghana has borne the brunt of exploitative fossil fuel contracts brokered under the guise of development. From the West African Gas Pipeline to the Jubilee and Sankofa oil and gas projects, the country has paid dearly—not only in billions of dollars wasted, but in environmental degradation, weakened public infrastructure, and opportunities lost.

As the Gaslighting Report reveals, global financial institutions, including the World Bank Group, and private energy interests have crafted an energy framework that protects profits while externalizing the risks onto the Ghanaian people.

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I am a woman who deserves to live with dignity.” ~ Fusheina-Dokuriga.



For over a decade, ActionAid Ghana (AAG) has been at the forefront of challenging the deep-rooted stigma and violence associated with witchcraft accusations in Northern Ghana. In places like the Gnani camp in the Yendi District — one of the most prominent “witch camps” in the country — AAG has worked tirelessly to uphold the dignity and rights of women who have been banished from their communities, often without proof or due process.

Recognising the gendered injustice at the heart of these accusations, AAG has been a key voice in policy advocacy, calling for the criminalisation of witchcraft accusations and the closure of such camps. At the same time, ensuring survivors are protected, reintegrated, and empowered. Our advocacy has directly influenced the national conversation, including the tabling of anti-witchcraft legislation in Ghana's Parliament.

But advocacy alone is not enough. AAG's work at Gnani has also been deeply rooted in meeting the urgent humanitarian and infrastructural needs of the women forced to live there. Through donor support and collaboration with community leaders, AAG has constructed safe and gender-sensitive WASH facilities, including boreholes and separate toilet facilities, to restore basic dignity and improve public health conditions in the camp. In addition, we have supported the installation of solar lights to enhance safety, especially for elderly women vulnerable to nighttime violence. These interventions have not only improved living conditions but have also sent a clear message: that these women deserve to live in safety, regardless of their circumstances.

AAG's response has also included emergency food supplies, dignity kits, and counselling support, particularly during times of crisis. These efforts have given hope to many women like Fusheina-Dokuriga, a survivor who was exiled to Gnani over a decade ago. Her words capture the heart of our work:

"I came here with nothing but shame and fear. Now I have clean water, food, and people who care. ActionAid helped me see that I am not a curse — I am a woman who deserves to live with dignity." ~ Fusheina-Dokuriga.

By combining policy reforms, infrastructure development, and sustained care, ActionAid Ghana continues to walk alongside these women, not as charity cases, but as partners in a shared journey toward justice, healing, and reintegration.

ActionAid Ghana Supports Inclusive Education with ICT Equipment Donation to Hobor Basic School



As part of its ongoing efforts to promote **inclusive education** and empower marginalized communities, ActionAid **Ghana's Greater Accra, Volta, and Oti Programme (GAVORP)** recently presented five high-quality, user-friendly **Information and Communication Technology (ICT)** devices to **Hobor Basic School** in the **Ga South district**. This donation aims to ensure **equitable learning opportunities** for all students, remove barriers to learning, and build more **resilient education systems** in rural areas.

Despite ICT being a core subject in Ghana's basic education curriculum, Hobor Basic School previously lacked the necessary tools to effectively teach the subject. As a result, students were limited to theoretical lessons with no practical, hands-on computer experience. This gap not only restricted their understanding of ICT but also put them at a disadvantage compared to their peers in urban areas, who have access to digital resources.

ActionAid's **Strategic Priority Three** emphasizes the organisation's commitment to promoting **access to quality and gender-responsive public basic education**. After identifying the need for ICT equipment in the area, the GAVORP team took action to ensure that the pupils at Hobor Basic School would have the opportunity to benefit from a better **digital learning experience**.

On **February 21**, the pupils of Hobor Basic School joyfully received the new computers, marking an exciting and hopeful moment for the school community. For many of these students, it was their first encounter with technology, opening up new possibilities and empowering them to confidently navigate the digital world.

The **Headteacher of Hobor Basic School, Mrs. Barbara Hammond**, expressed heartfelt gratitude to ActionAid Ghana for the donation. "For years, we have been teaching ICT without computers, and it has been a challenge for both teachers and students. These computers will not only improve the quality of education we offer but also inspire our students to dream bigger and aim higher," she said.

ActionAid Ghana has been a champion of **inclusive learning** for over three decades. In its **Country Strategy Paper VII**, the organisation continues to advocate for **access to quality, gender-responsive education** and **childhood development opportunities** for all.

Madam She Vera Anzagira, GAVORP Manager, emphasized ActionAid Ghana's unwavering commitment to promoting **equitable access to quality education**. "We believe that every child, regardless of their background, deserves the opportunity to thrive in a digital world," she stated. "By providing these computers, we are not only supporting the students of Hobor Basic School but also contributing to the development of a more inclusive and gender-responsive education system in Ghana."

As part of its ongoing work, ActionAid Ghana remains dedicated to promoting **quality education** by providing **model educational infrastructure** and logistical support to foster **gender-responsive public education delivery**. Through these initiatives, ActionAid Ghana hopes to ensure **inclusive and equitable quality education** for all, while promoting **lifelong learning opportunities** for future generations.

This donation to Hobor Basic School is just one step in ActionAid Ghana's continued efforts to support the digital education of underserved communities, ensuring that every child has the chance to excel in a rapidly changing world.

ActionAid Ghana celebrate International Women's Day



The 8th March of every year has been set aside as the International Women Day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women while calling for increasing opportunities. The theme for this year's celebration was "Accelerate Action" which was a worldwide call to develop strategies, allocated resources, and implement activities that positively impact women's advancement. All the AAG regional programmes undertook various activities in observance of the day with YUWM in the lead.

The BARP organised a stakeholder dialogue meeting involving community opinion leaders, traditional and religious authorities, children and assembly members. Additionally, government departments such as the Department of Gender, Ghana Education Service (Girl Child Coordinators) and the Department of

Children. A total of 135 people were involved (Male: 48, Female:87). Prior to the dialogue meeting, YUWM organised discussions awareness raising via radio and community information centres.

GAVORP also similar actions by organising a community level women's forum in Accra and also undertook radio discussions both in Accra and Ho. The activities were heralded with the launch of the Women Global "Womanifesto" which outlines actionable steps for promoting gender equality, extensive debt cancellation, a feminist well-being economy, and informed advocacy for women rights.

The UERP equally organised a regional forum which focused on raising awareness and galvanizing multi-stakeholder action to advance the implementation of Ghana's Affirmative Action Act, passed in July 2024. As a prelude to the forum, participants went on a public campaign march through the principal streets of Bolgatanga to raise mass awareness on the event commemoration and also highlighted issues on rights of women and gender equality



ActionAid Ghana, TuWezeshe Global, and FORWARDUK Hold TuWezeshe Leadership Fellowship on Gender-Based Violence



In a bid to increase strategies to enhance advocacy support to curb gender-based violence, ActionAid Ghana, TuWezeshe Global, and FORWARDUK are actively empowering young women in the Northern region to take a stand against violence.

The TuWezeshe Akina Dada fellowship, which translates to “empowering our sisters” in Swahili, is a robust leadership training program developed by Forward UK. The TuWezeshe Akina Dada Leadership Training seeks to empower a generation of African and African Diaspora young women to become effective change-makers in the campaign against sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). The first cohort consists of Twenty-one (21) young female leaders, shortlisted based on their unique interest in Feminism and issues affecting women and girls.

Addressing gender-based violence (GBV) and empowering women are not just essential—they are imperative for eradicating this global crisis. According to the United Nation Organisation data, nearly 1 in 3, or 30%, of **women** have been subjected to physical and/or sexual **violence** by an intimate partner or non-partner sexual **violence** or both. The urgency for action is clear.

Violence against women is an ongoing global crisis fueled by a troubling mix of traditional, social norms and patriarchal practices. Gender-based violence (GBV) remains alarmingly underreported, creating a culture of silence that must be addressed. Available statistics by the Northern Sector Action on Awareness Centre (NORSAAC), an AAG partner based in Tamale reveal nearly 40 cases of GBV between 2020 and 2023.

This includes 12 cases of child labour and 11 cases of child abuse, among others. Rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence are grossly underreported in the region, emphasizing the urgent need for decisive action to prevent and combat GBV against women and children in Ghana. The fully funded and free residential training, takes place over six months, starting with residential training, followed by the implementation of the SAP with support from selected Mentors and the implementing partners.



ActionAid Ghana Welcomes Habitat for Humanity International Delegation to Strengthen Collaboration for Social Justice.



ActionAid Ghana proudly hosted a delegation from Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI). HFHI, a distinguished global Christian-based nonprofit organisation, is dedicated to putting God's love into action by bringing together people from all faiths—and even those with no faith—to build homes, communities, and hope across the world. Rooted in rural Georgia, HFHI has expanded its reach to become a leading force in humanitarian work.

The delegation was warmly received by the **ActionAid Ghana leadership team**, with **John Nkaw**, the Country Director of ActionAid Ghana, highlighting the critical role of partnerships in achieving social justice. He emphasized the importance of co-creating programs with organisations like HFHI, particularly around **Early Warning Systems (EWS)**, **humanitarian and disaster response**, and the **implementation of Nature-Based Solutions**.

In his address, John Nkaw further emphasized that **ActionAid Ghana** remains committed to leveraging such partnerships to promote **climate justice**. Through this collaboration, the organisations aim to strengthen the adaptive capacities of communities, particularly vulnerable groups such as **women, children, and persons with disabilities**—especially those in the coastal ecological zones of Ghana. He highlighted the shared commitment to supporting government policies and frameworks focused on **sustainable forest management** and **environmental conservation**.

The meeting marked an exciting step towards **building stronger alliances** and enhancing collective efforts to drive meaningful, lasting change in the communities served by **ActionAid Ghana**. By partnering Habitat for Humanity, both organisations bring their expertise to the table to improve living conditions, support vulnerable populations, and promote human rights, with the ultimate goal of creating a more **just, equitable world**.

Habitat for Humanity International reiterated its commitment to fostering **sustainable development** across Africa, with a focus on advancing its mission of **strength, stability, and self-reliance** through shelter and community resilience.

ActionAid Ghana and LOGNET Pay Courtesy Call to Minister for Local Government, Chieftaincy, and Religious Affairs



On February 26, Mr. John Nkaw, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Local Governance Network (LOGNet), and several members of LOGNet, paid a courtesy call on the Minister for Local Government, Chieftaincy, and Religious Affairs, Mr. Ibrahim, in Accra. This visit served as an official introduction of LOGNet to the Minister and explored opportunities for partnership and collaboration in 2025. It is a pivotal part of LOGNet's vision to strengthen relationships with state institutions and promote a transparent, accountable governance system.

During the meeting, Mr. Nkaw, who is also the Country Director for ActionAid Ghana, congratulated Minister Ibrahim on his recent appointment, expressing confidence in his leadership and the Ministry's ability to achieve its objectives. Mr. Nkaw emphasized that collaboration is key to achieving the government's development goals, stating,



“LOGNET stands ready to support you and your team in any way we can. With the cooperation of all involved, I am confident that the Ministry will succeed in its mission to contribute meaningfully to the nation’s development.”

The visit marked the beginning of a new phase of engagement and cooperation, with the Ministry setting clear plans for advancing accountable governance and sustainable national development. The Minister, Ahmed Ibrahim, reaffirmed the government’s commitment to ensuring good governance and financial accountability. He noted, “I assure you that this Ministry will not only deliver good governance but will also ensure that every pesewa is managed responsibly. Accountability will be at the heart of all our actions,” signaling that transparency would guide the Ministry’s operations under his leadership.

LOGNet, a coalition of civil society organisations (CSOs) dedicated to promoting effective local governance in Ghana, includes key members such as CDD-Ghana, Coalition of CSOs in Water and Sanitation (CONIWAS), ISODEC, and Oxfam. The network works to advocate for sustainable development through transparency, social accountability, and public participation in local governance processes.

At ActionAid Ghana, we are committed to nurturing social movements, building stronger collaborations, and improving partnerships to fight poverty and social injustice. This significant meeting with the Ministry is seen as a step toward forging stronger ties for collective action to ensure a just and equitable Ghana. We remain hopeful that through this collaboration, we can work together to build a governance system that promotes social justice, transparency, and sustainable development for all.

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ActionAid Ghana Champions Green Transition and Climate Financing in Landmark National Dialogue: Calls for Urgent Reform in Development Finance and Renewable Energy Policy

**Promoting
Green
Transition and
Climate
Financing**



With Ghana's development increasingly threatened by climate impacts, debt stress, and energy insecurity, **ActionAid Ghana** is leading a renewed national push to fix broken financing systems and accelerate a just green transition.

During the first half, a high-level national dialogue was held at the National level in Accra, convening key stakeholders from civil society, government, development partners, academia, and grassroots movements under the theme:

"Reviewing Development Financing for People and Planet: A Civil Society–Government Dialogue for Systemic Reform" to discuss Ghana's overlapping crises: public debt surpassing 90% of GDP, a shrinking fiscal space for climate investment, and continued underfunding of renewable energy development—just as the nation's climate vulnerability increases.

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Reviving the Soil, Reclaiming the Future

ActionAid Ghana Champions Conservation Agriculture in Takpo under the GIZ-Funded CAPs Project

ActionAid Ghana, through the GIZ-funded Strengthening Community Resilience through Community Action Plans Project, continues to lead impactful, community-based interventions aimed at promoting climate-resilient agriculture in Ghana's Upper West Region. One of the latest strides under the project's third output—enhancing sustainable land use for improved soil health—has taken root in Takpo with a field demonstration on conservation agriculture using cover cropping.

The field demonstration, held in collaboration with district stakeholders and local farmers, aimed to showcase the benefits of cover cropping—a proven conservation agriculture technique that improves soil fertility, prevents erosion, retains moisture, and suppresses weeds. Participants observed firsthand how the integration of leguminous crops such as soybean, groundnut, and cowpea can naturally fix nitrogen in the soil, restoring its vitality without reliance on chemical inputs.

This initiative is timely for Takpo and surrounding communities in the Nadowli District, where erratic rainfall patterns, land degradation, and declining soil productivity continue to threaten food security and livelihoods. By promoting conservation agriculture practices, ActionAid Ghana is helping farmers to adapt to climate change while building long-term resilience in food systems.

Rising Beyond Silence: Aisha Leads the Fight in Nanumba North

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"Our silent nightmares can now be heard and addressed through this box" ~Aisha



Aisha, a 16-year-old girls' prefect at a junior high school in Nanumba North Municipality, is a member of the ActionAid Girls Club. She is helping combat gender-based violence in her community with a reporting box, providing solace to hundreds of girls in rural areas and serving as a lifeline for victims.

This box has become a safe haven for women and girls, revealing deep secrets of domestic abuse, child marriage, and gender-based violence. It was established through a community-driven initiative led by ActionAid and implemented by the local NGO, Songtaba.

Aisha highlighted the transformation in the community, noting that it prompted essential discussions about violence and justice. One impactful story involved a 26-year-old mother who, after years of abuse, confessed her struggles through the box with a teacher's help. This led to the creation of a women's cooperative for survivors.

Despite facing criticism—some accused the box of encouraging rebellion—community support has grown as lives were saved. The success of the reporting box in Nabuli has inspired many nearby schools to seek their own, standing as a testament to the power of breaking silence and allowing justice to thrive.

ActionAid has set up 72 girls' clubs across three Local Rights Programs (LRPs) to empower girls to advocate for their rights and overcome cultural challenges. Each club has 30 to 35 members and receives support through tailored capacity-building training focused on leadership, confidence building, and public speaking. The organisation's new strategy emphasizes the importance of quality and gender-responsive basic education for the public.

Empowering Girls to Resist Child Marriages

AAG Survivor
Experience
Sharing Series



At ActionAid Ghana, we believe that access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) is not a privilege— it is a fundamental human right.

As part of the AAG Experience Sharing series with Child Marriage Survivors, AAG's Upper West Regional program engaged girls' clubs in the Jirapa Municipal area. With the support of the Jirapa Ghana Education Service's Girl Child Unit, AAG is working with students from Kogri JHS, Ulo JHS, Ulkpong JHS, Nidor-Waala, Hain JHS, Mwankur-Chacha JHS, Tizza JHS, Mwofu JHS, and Gbare JHS. The Upper West Regional Programme supported child marriage survivors, some of whom at tertiary and senior high school level, to hold experience sharing meetings with Girls Clubs, reaching a total of 470 girls.

Through this changemaker series, Survivors are taking a stand, sharing their experiences with fellow students, empowering them to understand their Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights. Through this advocacy, education, and community-driven programs, ActionAid Ghana is creating safe spaces and delivering rights-based, youth-focused SRHR services. We are empowering individuals to make informed choices about their bodies and futures.

Promoting Access To Quality Education And Gender -Responsive Public Service: ActionAid Ghana Supports Pupils of Sagnarigu Girls Model Primary School.

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ActionAid Ghana is boldly embarking on a transformative journey to reshape education in the Northern Region through its impactful partnership with Sagnarigu Girls Model Primary School.

As a vital component of the Northern Regional Programme, we are proud to have enhanced the school's facilities with cutting-edge digital equipment, empowering both students and facilitator to reach new heights of excellence and creativity.

This collaboration aims to elevate teaching and learning by seamlessly integrating state-of-the-art digital technology, including desktop computers, UPS systems, a projector, and more. With the installation of these vital tools, the school's Computer Centre was officially commissioned yesterday and is now fully operational.

This new resource center will serve as a hub for practical ICT lessons, helping to bridge the digital divide and equip students with the skills needed to thrive in an increasingly tech-driven world.

This initiative highlights ActionAid Ghana's commitment to promoting equal access to quality education and empowering children and communities with the tools they need to succeed, fostering an environment where education can thrive. Together, we are igniting a brighter future for education in the region, promoting equal access to quality education.

Young Urban Women Movement calls for radical change in structural violence

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Massive investment to boost climate resilience in 110 communities of two regions

By ADAM



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Gaslighting Ghana: Predatory investments, role of WB Group in driving fossil fuel debts

By John Nkaw & Laila Scragg

ENERGY policy is more than a technical checklist of megawatts and gigawatts; it is the very foundation upon which development is built. A nation's energy choices shape its economic trajectory, social equity and environmental health. The World Bank Group, a key player among the Bretton Woods institutions, has long positioned itself as a champion of development and poverty alleviation. But a new latest report by ActionAid Ghana and the Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (CICR) launched to coincide with the IMF and World Bank Spring meetings reveals a different and troubling story. Over the past decade, the World Bank has facilitated and financed energy investments in Ghana that have entangled local industries, fostered corporate profiteering, and burdened the state with unsustainable debt.

\$2 Billion burden

At the heart of the report is a stark figure: \$2 billion. That is the amount of World Bank funding directed into Ghana's oil and gas sector – channelled through non-transparent means.

Energy for whom?

The World Bank's energy commitment model in Ghana, and across the Global South, is grounded in the belief that investments, including oil, gas and coal projects, and a shift to public and international finance towards renewable and decentralised energy systems. The investment of all existing energy contracts, particularly those that transfer financial risk from corporations to the state, and which undermine Ghana's ability to pursue long-term, people-centred development. A national dialogue that brings together government, civil society, women's groups, labour unions and communities to co-create a new energy policy framework, rooted in climate justice and democratic governance.

Path forward: People over profit

Notwithstanding the IMF and WB's own commitment to end fossil fuel subsidies, the report states that Ghana's energy future must be climate resilient, democratically governed, and free from exploitation, corruption and extravagance. We call on the government of Ghana to demonstrate bold leadership by breaking with the damaging energy paradigm of the past and embracing a just transition to sustainable energy that meets the needs of all – not just the wealthy and powerful. We call on the World Bank and other international financial institutions to re-evaluate the paradigm that has put their policies above people and to support – not hinder – sustainable such as Ghana in choosing a new path.

Fossil fuel enticement

Issues of human consent, have lacked the country into paying for electricity that was unaffordable for most citizens. The structure of IMF and energy contracts – designed under the guidance of the World Bank – places financial risk squarely on the shoulders of the Ghanaian state. In the demand forecasts are wrong, when consumption is lower than predicted, or when global energy prices

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Innovative financing models key to bridging development gaps – expert

By John EYRE

High Capacity Development (HCD) is not a new concept. It is a well-established approach to development that focuses on building the capacity of individuals, institutions and systems to solve problems and create sustainable development. As a result, development practitioners continue to think, with a high percentage of government revenue going into debt servicing. Beyond the private sector, Mr. Eyre explained, the concept of public-private partnerships (PPPs) is also being used to address the challenges. Mr. Eyre said that particularly in the mining, agriculture and infrastructure sectors, such as social impact bonds, were also essential to ensure efficiency and accountability by linking private sector returns to development outcomes. "Financing development is no new story, finding new ways to do it is what we need to do," he said. This comes at a time when 10 countries – including Ghana – are facing mounting debt-related challenges. He said that such debt is used to buy more weapons, provide financial support for corrupt and strengthen key sectors. "When we talk about financing for development, we must also talk about making investments in their financial and

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